



CITY OF SANTA CLARA
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
April 8, 2008

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Ferheen Abbasi, Kelsi Auday, Paul Barghouth, Vanessa Harsh, Noama Iftekhar, Jennifer Juniega, Kristina Little, Zahida Mubeen, Brian Mulligan, Tammy Nguyen, Zedric Ochoa, Niral Patel, Eric Spinks, Alex Vargas and Anya Vo

Absent: none

Guests: none

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor
Nan Choi, Young Adult Librarian
Marilyn Dippell, Acting Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

Matters for City Council Action – None

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Zedric Ochoa at 6:03p.m.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – none
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 11, 2008 MEETING – there were no minutes for the Youth Commission to approve. Jennifer Herb will have them available at the May 13 meeting.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
 - A. Arch Bishop Mitty
 - a. April 4 – Freshman Retreat
 - b. April 5 – Mitty Auction
 - c. April 10 – 12 & 17 – 19, Spring Musical
 - d. April 14 – Teacher In-service
 - e. April 19 – Class of 2012 Exams
 - f. April 25 - Holiday
 - g. April 26 – Junior Prom
 - B. Santa Clara
 - a. April 3 – Open House
 - b. April 3 – Day of the Arts

- c. April 3 – Opening night of school play “Urine Town”
- d. April 4 – Renaissance Rally
- e. April 4, 5, 10 – 12, School Play “Urine Town”
- f. April 8 – Staff Development Day – No school
- g. April 14 – 18, Spring Break
- h. April 21 – 25, Battle of the Classes week
- i. April 25 – Battle of the Classes event
- j. April 28 – May 2, Star Testing

C. Wilcox

- a. April 1 – Food Faire
- b. April 3 – Open House
- c. April 4 – Multi-Cultural Assembly
- d. April 5 – Vietnamese Cultural Night, “Visions of Vietnam”
- e. April 8 – Staff Development Day – No school
- f. April 11 – Minimum day
- g. April 14 – 18, Spring Break
- h. April 21 – 25, ASB Election Week
- i. April 25 – ASB Election Assembly

D. Peterson

- a. March 28 – Quarter ended
- b. April 5 – Car wash
- c. April 7 – 11, Spirit week
- d. April 7 – Opposite Day
- e. April 7 – Co-ed soccer, A Team vs. Crittenden Middle School and B Team vs. Buchser Middle School
- f. April 7 – Tennis tournament vs. Miller Middle School
- g. April 9 – Crazy Hair Day
- h. April 10 – Twin Day
- i. April 11 – P.J. Day
- j. April 14 – 18, Spring Break

E. Library

- a. April 22 – Book/Movie study, “Howls Moving Castle”
- b. April 22 – SAT Essay workshop
- c. April 29 – Teen Poetry Open Mic Night

V. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. March 22 - Easter Egg Hunt - The Youth Commission sold Easter Baskets at the annual Easter Egg Hunt and raised \$200.00. The Youth Commission has used this as a last opportunity to raise funds for the scholarship fund.
- B. March 28 – Due to a lack of applicants, Jennifer Herb extended the deadline for the Youth Commission term and scholarship applications to April 4.
- C. April 1 – Due to lack of sign-ups for the Teen Center, Spring Break Trip to Disneyland/California Adventure, the deadline to register has been extended to April 11.

VII. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- A. Transportation –the transportation committee is on hold, as City Staff are in the stages of preparing a report for City Council. The committee helped to make decorations for the Intergenerational Dance on April 12. A committee meeting was not scheduled for April.
- B. BMX Park - the BMX committee is on hold, as City Staff are in the stages of preparing a report for City Council. The committee helped to make decorations for the Intergenerational Dance on April 12. A committee meeting was not scheduled for April.
- C. Intergenerational – The Intergenerational committee met to make decorations for the Intergenerational Dance on April 12 and to go over details for the Neighborhood Clean-up on April 26. A committee meeting was set for April 22 at 6:30pm.
- D. Moon Dance Film Festival – The Moon Dance committee met to continue discussing the event scheduled for May 30. Deadline for submitting films has been extended to April 25. Youth Commissioners that attend Santa Clara and Wilcox High School will be touching base with the film classes and remind the teachers of the deadline. A committee meeting was set for April 22 at 5:30pm.
- E. Philanthropy – The Philanthropy committee met to continue discussing the possibility of donating hair to Locks of Love. Zedric Ochoa located a salon in Sunnyvale that is affiliated with Locks of Love and is willing to cut the hair of willing participants. Youth Commissioners will be talking to their friends and getting a list of names that are interested. A committee meeting was set for April 22 at 5:00pm.
- F. Scholarship – The three panel members (Ferheen Abbasi, Brian Mulligan and Zahida Mubeen) for the scholarship interviews met to finalize the questions for the interview panel. The panel will be reviewing 7 applicants on Saturday, April 19. The Youth Commission has \$1,800 to give away in scholarships. A committee meeting was set for March 25 at 6:00pm.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Teen Center April Calendar – Jennifer Herb reminded the Youth Commission that the April calendar for the Teen Center was available.
- B. April 11 – Moon Dance film entries are due. The Youth Commission decided that they would like to extend the deadline to April 25 to give people more time to work on their films.
- C. April 11 – New deadline for the Disneyland/California Adventure, Spring Break Trip with the Teen Center.
- D. April 12 - Intergenerational Dance – The Youth Commission will be hosting the Intergenerational Dance again. From 2:00pm – 5:00pm, participants can enjoy music from all eras and refreshments. Admission is free.
- E. April 14 – Deadline for the LITE (Leader in Training Experience) applications. Applications are available at the Community Recreation Center, Teen Center, SCUSD High Schools and City Hall.
- F. April 14 – 18 – No After-school program at the Teen Center due to Spring Break.
- G. April 19 - Youth Commission term and scholarship interviews held at the Teen Center.
- H. April 26 – Neighborhood Clean-up – The Youth Commission is teaming up with the Senior Center to provide home-bound seniors with yard up-keep.

- I. May 13 – City staff will be working with City Manager’s Office to schedule special presentations of scholarship awards and Youth Commission contributions to local organizations (Next Door and Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority) with checks from fund raising events.
- J. End-of-the-Year Social – The Youth Commission brainstormed ideas as to what they want to do for their End-of-the-Year Social. Jennifer Herb will continue to work with them and their ideas and then plan something.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – none

- X. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Ferheen Abbasi and seconded by Brian Mulligan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at City Hall Cafeteria.

Minutes Prepared by: _____
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Recreation Supervisor